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FOR PRESIDENT.  
W. J. BRYAN,  
OF NEBRASKA.

NINETEEN more days of Grover than we'll be in—What?

We publish in another column an interview with Senator Withers, published in the Richmond State, which we advise our readers carefully. Mr. Withers is the gentleman who introduced the bill calling for a constitutional convention, which will be voted on in May and is well posted in the matter as he has given considerable attention to this question.

Our constitution should be revised, and that soon, as our State government, under existing conditions, is an expensive affair. Every voter should give this question a thorough and impartial examination and vote accordingly, as the question is not a partisan one, but one that touches every one of us, and is a question of reduction of taxation more than anything else. Therefore heed not the cry of petty politicians, who say it is intended to disfranchise the voters of the State, but study well the question for yourself, and we are convinced that if you will do this, the question of a constitutional convention will be carried by an overwhelming majority.

THE question of who is to be the Democratic candidate for Governor is now agitating the people of Virginia. If the counties of the Southwest will combine on one man for the office of Governor we can, we believe, get the nomination for this section, but if we divide our strength, we will not be "in it." Let us, therefore, go into the State convention presenting our claims for the head of the ticket as a unit, and we will get enough delegates from other sections of the State to nominate our man. But there is one thing certain, we cannot have candidates from the Southwest for all the offices, so let us give our undivided strength to our strongest man and do what we can to nominate him.

The News has no candidate to offer, but the man whom the majority of the Democrats of the Southwest combine on will be satisfactory to us. But let it be distinctly understood that the man nominated for Governor must be a silver man of no uncertain sound whether he comes from the Southwest or elsewhere, one who exerted himself in behalf of William Jennings Bryan. We do not think the men who participated in the Democratic primaries and conventions and thereby pledged themselves to support the nominees of the party, and then voted for McKinley last year, should be permitted to engage in the selection of a State ticket this year, as their pledges are not worth the paper they are printed on, and are as apt to vote one way as the other. We will support no member of the "McKinley Aid Society" for any office.

#### SIGNS OF PROSPERITY.

Hanks failing all over the country.  
Soup houses being established in every town of any consequence.  
Wages being reduced and men being laid off at a season of the year when it is a matter of life to them to have work.  
People starving by thousands in the large cities.  
The coal trust keeping up the price of coal and poor people freezing to death.  
Men and women committing petit larceny in order to be sent to the station houses and work houses in the cities in order to get something to eat and escape the rigors of the weather.

We could cite columns of these signs of returning prosperity (1), but the picture is so frightful we turn from it in horror.

And this is what they call restoring order.

rather be suffering from the ravages of adversity if it be the reverse of what we are now passing through.

#### SNAPP SHOTS.

Whether President Cleveland was actuated by economy or by a desire to reduce the patronage of his successor, when he reduced the number of pension agencies from eighteen to nineteen, doesn't matter very much. The important thing about it is that more than \$160,000 a year that will be saved.

The rich Mexican who pulled off a big ball ahead of the New York affair and had it spoken of in the telegraphic news as the Bradley-Martin ball of Mexico, may have been a humorist rather than an imitator.

The Spanish minister to the U. S. spoke very freely when he said that the result of the concessions made by Spain would depend upon the Cubans. He might have added, too, that it will depend upon the Cubans who were in Cuba, and not upon those that are lazily quartered in the U. S.

We doubt the story that Secretary Morton intends to raise goldbugs for a living after the 4th of March.

Chairman Hanna and Senator Foraker might find arbitration better than war.

Russell Harrison can hardly be expected to rejoice over the arrival of the new member of the ex-President's family. In fact, the new arrival has probably added to Russell's conviction that the "old man" had no business getting married again.

Some of the gentlemen "mentioned" for the cabinet are already beginning to indicate to Maj. McKinley their willingness to accept any old place with a salary attached.

The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities is talking of erecting a monument to Capt. John Smith, whose fairy tale about the Indian Maiden, Pocahontas, was once implicitly believed.

The various accidents to our battleships are so many arguments in favor of arbitration. If we cannot lick the enemy we certainly do not wish to fight.

Mr. Bayard may be trying to work the royal family for a job that will save him the mortification of coming back to live among untitled Americans.

The same men who are sneering at Mrs. Rickers attempt to become a diplomatic once sneered at the idea of woman lawyers and doctors. Mrs. Rickers may not succeed in her efforts to break into the diplomatic corps, but sooner or later some woman will.

Mr. Havemeyer, the sugar king, doesn't ask much. He told a committee of New York legislature that he would not engage in business that paid less than 15 or 20 per cent profit.

If the Cuban reform snow offered by Spain are carried out in good faith they will probably soon end the war, but will they be?

Gov. Lowndes, of Miss., says he is a failure as a farmer, because of his ignorance of farming. That is what makes a large percentage of failures in all lines.

The country was one time ahead of the Senatorial advocates of the Nicaragua Canal bill in discovering the death of that measure, but even the Senators know it now.

Gov. Black believes in carrying out ante election promises regardless of whether they are popular or not. It is more to his credit, too, than the repudiation of those whose support made them, by some politicians who might be named.

The enemies of Senator elect "Billy" Mason having failed to cause him to decline the office by calling him undignified, are now trying to prejudice people against him by accusing him of being addicted to playing the flute. "Billy" could afford to ignore the first attacks, but this flute accusation must be answered.

One thing that is clear about Cuba. Spain will have to get possession of the entire island before reforming it.

Maj. McKinley has disposed of the private secretaryship, but he still has several unappropriated Cabinet portfolios on hand.

The newspapers are again outgunning Senator-elect Platt from the control of his party machine in New York. This is regularly done just after Mr. Platt has made the machine register his will.

A pulpit discussion of Jonah and the whale is after all much more desirable than partisan politics from the pulpit.

CASORIA.

#### MR. WITHERS TALKS

##### To The State About the Proposed Convention.

Senator Withers, as is known, is the author of the measure which was passed by the General Assembly providing for the submission to the people of the question of calling a constitutional convention for the purpose of giving Virginia a new constitution.

It was only after considerable importuning that he consented to talk for the State in regard to the question of the convention and answer some of the objections which have been urged against it by its opponents.

"Will you briefly state some of the reasons why you think the question of a constitutional convention should carry, and why such a convention would be in the interest of the people of Virginia?" he was asked.

"One reason, which ought to be sufficient, it seems to me, is this, and that is a constitutional convention would be in the interest of economy and good government," replied the senator. "The people of the city of Richmond are at present greatly concerned about economizing their city government. The people of Virginia at large ought to be as greatly interested in economizing in the administration of their State affairs. 'How much money could a new constitution save the State in your opinion?'"

"At least a quarter of a million dollars per year in the State government, and nearly as much more in the administration of county affairs could be saved. I give this as the very lowest estimate of what could be saved under a proper Constitution."

#### THE COST.

"It is objected to the convention that it would cost something in the neighborhood of \$200,000, and that the work might be as well and thoroughly done by the General Assembly in regular session?"

"The cost of the convention ought not to exceed, under any circumstances, the cost of a session of the General Assembly, which is between \$75,000 and \$80,000, as a rule. A constitutional convention would certainly not occupy more than ninety days, and ought not to be composed of more than one hundred or one hundred and fifty members. The objection on the ground of the expenses of the convention is one very frequently urged by gentlemen who have no argument to offer in opposition to a convention. The General Assembly cannot amend the Constitution because it is prevented by the Constitution from doing so until each and everyone of its amendments shall have been submitted to and accepted by a vote of the people of the State."

#### THE PERSONNEL.

"It is argued also against the convention that its members would not be composed of sagacious and prudent men qualified to give the State a proper Constitution."

"That same objection can always be made against anybody that it so be elected by popular vote. It would apply with just as much reason to the members of the constitutional convention, and it seems to me if the opponents of a constitutional convention are so much concerned about the wisdom and sagacity of men who may compose that convention, that they would be equally concerned about the wisdom and sagacity of the members of the General Assembly, to whom they purpose to submit the amending and revising of the Constitution."

ITS SUCCESS IS DOUBTFUL.  
"Do you think the question likely to carry?"

"I think its success is exceedingly doubtful. The negro and the Republican party are practically solid against it. A great many of the officeholding classes of the Democratic party are likewise against it, and the people themselves have not yet realized the unnecessary expense and burden of their present State and county governments. If, however, property continues to depreciate, value continues to decrease, taxes will have to be raised and when that is done, anything and everybody standing in the way of reduction of expenses in both county and State governments will be swept out of political existence. At the present rate, that time is not far from us."

"It is also objected that this is not an opportune time for holding such a convention."

"That same objection is made to every movement that tends to change the existing condition of things. A change is never opportune for those who are the beneficiaries of a system that it is proposed to wipe out."

The truth is that under the most favorable circumstances nowadays the machinery of legislation is a very confusing and complex thing. So inextricably are the interests of individuals, corporations and sections interwoven with that which should properly concern only the

believe there is in some of the continental countries of Europe a party called Opportunist. They seem to have invaded and gained a stronghold in Virginia here of late."

"Do you think it would be unwise for the Democratic party to espouse holding the convention?"

"I do not think it is ever unwise for a political party to take up and carry through a measure that will relieve the people of taxation or of any other good."

#### THE DISCOVERY SAVED HIS LIFE.

Mr. G. Caillouette, druggist, Beaverville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial bottle at A. F. Hargrave's drug store.

#### A Mountain of Idle Money.

Saturday's bank statement reflected a still further paralysis of business and industry.

The net deposits of the Clearing House banks amounted to \$553,331,800. The law requires the banks to hold idle as a reserve against this liability no less than \$140,833,850 in coin and legal tender currency. But the banks held also idle a surplus reserve of \$59,148,250.

That is to say, there is now in the Clearing House banks of New York alone the sum of almost \$200,000,000 of idle money, or \$60,000,000 in excess of legal reserve, which cannot be lent to promote any industry or to aid any business venture, because the conditions are such that prudent industrial and commercial employers of money cannot see their way clear to a profit in the use of this money even at the very low interest rates demanded—call loans being at 1½ per cent.

This is the paralyzing and prostrating result of Congress's refusal to give the country Retrenchment, Revenue and rest, and the Republican determination at all hazards to force a tariff ripping extra session.

The programme is a reckless sacrifice of the prosperity of the people to a desire to reward campaign contributors with bounties.

But for this wretched partisan purpose the mountain of money held idle in New York Clearing-House banks, and the millions held idle elsewhere, would now be employed in creating wealth and paying wages.

What do the people think of such a party policy?

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#### Just Like Us.

I saw a poor old bachelor live all the days of his life in sight of paradise, too cowardly to put his arm around it and press it to his bosom. He shaved and primped and resolved to marry every day in the year for forty years. But when the hour for love's duel arrived, when he stood trembling in the presence of rosy cheeks and glaring eyes, and beauty shook her curls and gave the challenge his courage always cooed out, and he fled ingloriously from the field of honor.—Gov. Bob Taylor.

#### Convention Question.

As to the contention that all needed changes in our State constitution may be had at the hands of the Legislature there is much to be said. The General Assembly, from the date of its coming together until its sessions are brought to a close, is an exceedingly busy set of men. During its ninety days' sitting it is fully occupied with the ordinary routine of State affairs, and it has little, if any, time to discuss, properly and at length, the suggested reforms in our own organic law. Even supposing that there would be no extraneous influences brought to bear on the law making body to hinder action and delay progress in such work, it would be a long and wearisome process to secure through the regular legislative channels the ends desired.

The truth is that under the most favorable circumstances nowadays the machinery of legislation is a very confusing and complex thing. So inextricably are the interests of individuals, corporations and sections interwoven with that which should properly concern only the

Seals at large that it seems almost impossible to secure any action or enactment not modified in some degree by these outside considerations. In addition to this, there are the personal and political interests of the legislators themselves to be considered, and so large a part do these play in the result of any attempt to bring about a needed change in existing conditions, that it would be impossible not to take them into account. Indeed, this is so far true that any proposition to abolish some unnecessary office, for instance, would be instantly met with violent opposition. The whole question would be subject to so many selfish political considerations—there would be about it so much bargaining and counter bargaining among the lawmakers themselves—that nothing of real value could be accomplished.

We do not mean to say that this condition of things is peculiar to the Virginia Assembly, but it is true to a greater or less degree of all legislative bodies. To our mind, the only way to deal with this matter is to select delegates on unquestioned integrity and patriotism and to send them to a convention untrammelled by political obligations or considerations of any sort. We might then reasonably expect such safe, wise and speedy action as would take from Virginia the burden of an expensive and cumbersome governmental system.—Portsmouth Star.

#### BURKE'S GARDEN.

Burke's Garden, Va., Feb. 8.

We had some very disagreeable weather last week.

Our post master, R. F. Goodman, was on the sick list last week.

W. A. Scott was seen perambulating on Jerusalem Avenue last Saturday.

Messrs. Huffman and Thomas, of Grayson, were in the Garden last week trading horses.

We were led to believe that the contribution on Sunday, the 31st, was to repair the stove pipes and replace some broken glass. Why not go ahead and fix them before warm weather comes?

We hear that Aunt Nancy's last will did not please all parties concerned. Some people would like to have the whole earth, if the Government would put a fence around it.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of little Dany, son of Dr. J. R. Crockett.

Mr. Tom Thompson is very much indisposed, but his friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Kelly Gruesclove has returned from Giles, where she has been spending several weeks with her friends and relatives.

We are sorry to see that our pestiferous friend H. M. T. takes it so hard because the social gathering at Mr. Rush Moss's was not at a dance. Cheer up brother we hear of a real dance in the near future. We would advise you in the meantime to take a table spoon full of tacks three times a day before eating and maybe you will be ready to join in and trip the light fantastic.

Mrs. Simon Kelly and children have been quite sick but are some better at this writing.

We dropped in on the B. G. L. and M. Citele which met at Mr. Frank Moss's last Saturday night but owing to the inclemency of the weather, there were but few present and the usual programme was not carried out. However, these fortunate enough to be present were delightfully entertained by their kind host and hostess, who know so well how to make young folks happy.

The sociable given by Mr. and Mrs. Rush Moss to the young people of the Garden last Friday night was greatly enjoyed by all, and each one left hoping they might soon be invited their again.

J. M. S. says that H. M. T. is certainly mistaken in regard to the ground hog seeing his shadow but as Meek hasn't shaved since he had the grippe, we suspect it was his own shadow he saw and mistook it for that of his hogship.

As every body has had now has on will have the grippe and the weather has been, is now, and will be cold or hot, wet or dry; suppose we all take a rest and let them rest. What you say brothers?

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Swanson of Virginia, made in Congress was contested. He died last week. Col. James who was counsel for the who contested Mr. who, and Geo. W. Cornett, who contested Mr. Swanson's seat. The result in this last case went to his home for rest and recuperation. He was sick.

S. Kwass, a liquor dealer and general merchant, of Pocahontas, in a small way, filed an assignment Thursday, Feb. 4 with estimated assets of \$1,7000, and with liabilities amounting to about \$3,000, in separate classes.

#### HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common water glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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WHEREAS, the said W. K. Labar having removed from the State of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of said bond or obligation, and having been directed by the beneficiary in said deed so to do, the undersigned, trustees in the county of Tazewell, state of Virginia, will, on the 20th day of March, 1897, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., proceed to sell on the premises, in said town of Richlands, at public auction, to the highest bidder, all that certain lot of land in said town of Richlands, Tazewell county, State of Virginia, known and designated as lot number five (5), in section three (3), Plan A, and bounded and described in said deed of trust as follows:

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